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C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 1458

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, CASC
SUBJ: PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER BELIEVED KIDNAPPED.

SITREP 1

MAJOR PAPERS THIS MORNING QUOTE LOCAL MILITARY BRIGADE
COMMANDER IN VILLAVICENCIO AS CONFIRMING THAT U.S. CITIZEN
RICHARD CHARLES STARR WAS KIDNAPPED BY UNIT OF
COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS BELONGING TO FARC (REVOLUTIONARY COLOMBIAN
ARMED FORCES) WHEN IT ATTACKED A POLICE POST FEB 14 IN THE MACARENA
MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF VILLAVICENCIO. OUR RECORDS INDICATE STARR IS
30 YEAR OLD PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER. SON OF MRS. CHARLOTTE JENSEN
OF 17400 76 WEST, EDMONDS, WASHINGTON. PHONE 206-776-2936.
WE ARE ATTEMPTING CONTACT BRIGADE COMMANDER FOR FURTHER
DETAILS. AMBASSADOR ALSO CONTACTING FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS TO
REGISTER OUR CONCERN. PRESS REPORTS DO NOT REVEAL THAT KIDNAPPING
VICTIM WAS PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER. WE REQUIRE IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS
AS TO WHETHER THIS FACT CAN BE REVEALED TO PRESS. KNOWLEDGE OF
VICTIMS OFFICIAL CONNECTION WILL PRESUMABLY INCREASE HIS IMPORTANCE
TO FARC ESPECIALLY FOR BARGAINING PURPOSES BUT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT
DISGUISE THIS CONNECTION AND VICTIM MAY BE CARRYING IDENTIFYING
DOCUMENTS. ON BALANCE THEREFORE WE FEEL WE SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED
CONFIRM THAT HE IS PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER.
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